Mr. Subba Aiyar :—

"Rule 45 of the rules for the conduct of the business of the Legislative Council provides that, if the Council decides that it is not necessary to refer a Bill to a Select Committee, the Council shall not proceed to take the Bill into consideration until the expiration of fifteen clear days from the date of the first reading. I beg to move that the operation of the above rule be suspended and the Bill taken up for consideration at once."

Seconded by Mr. Rengaswami Aiyangar.

Carried.

The consideration of the Bill being over, Mr. Subba Aiyar moved that the Bill be read again on a future date of which notice should be given.

Seconded by Mr. Raman Pillai.

Carried.

THE PUBLIC CANALS AND PUBLIC FERRIES REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar moved for permission to introduce the Public Canals and Public Ferries Regulation Amendment Bill, by suspending the operation of Rule 33, as the translation of the Bill had not been published in the Gazette.

Seconded by Mr. Chacko.

Mr. Raman Tampi said that, as the Bill affected a large number of people, it would be better to have the Bill taken up after the publication of the translation.

The Council adopted Mr. Raman Tampi's suggestion and resolved to postpone the introduction of the Bill.

THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar presented the report of the Select Committee on the Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Bill, and moved that the report and the Bill be taken up for consideration.

Seconded by Mr. Raman Pillai.

Carried.

The consideration of the Bill being over, Mr. Subba Aiyar moved that the Bill be read again on a future date of which notice should be given.

Seconded by Mr. Daniel.

Carried.

THE PLANT PESTS BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar moved that the words "the 1st Chingom 1095" be inserted at the end of sub-section (2) of Section I.

Seconded by Mr. Mahadeva Aiyar.

Carried.

Mr. Subba Aiyar:—

"The definition of the term "plant" in Section 2, which includes "seed", appears to be wide enough to include even food grains imported from outside. It is therefore thought desirable to restrict it to only such seeds as may be notified by Government. I therefore beg to move that the word 'seed' in line 3 of Section 2 be deleted and that the following be inserted at the end of the Clause defining 'plant' :—

"nor does it include the seed, unless the same has been specifically included in the definition of 'plant' by Our Government by a Notification under this Regulation".

Seconded by Mr. Mahadeva Aiyar.

Carried.

Mr. Subba Aiyar moved that the following definition of the word 'import' be inserted at the end of Section 2 :—

""Import" means import by sea into Travancore from outside British India."

Seconded by Mr. Mahadeva Aiyar.

Carried.

Mr. Subba Aiyar moved that the words "or the removal from one place to another in" be inserted between the words "into" and "Travancore" in line 3 of Section 4 (1). He said that the amendment was necessary to prohibit the removal of plant from an infected area to any other place in Travancore itself.

Seconded by Mr. Mahadeva Aiyar.

Carried.

Mr. Subba Aiyar then moved that the Bill be finally read and passed.

Seconded by Mr. Mahadeva Aiyar.

Carried.

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